

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT  
City of Gary Drums - Removal Polrep  
Initial and Final Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
Region V

**Subject:** POLREP #1  
Initial and Final Polreps  
City of Gary Drums  
  
Gary, IN  
Latitude: 41.6297760 Longitude: -87.4285800

**To:** Mike Beslow, US EPA  
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**From:** Mike Beslow, OSC

**Date:** 8/29/2011

**Reporting Period:**

**1. Introduction**

**1.1 Background**

<b>Site Number:</b>	<b>Contract Number:</b>	
<b>D.O. Number:</b>	<b>Action Memo Date:</b>	
<b>Response Authority:</b>	<b>Response Type:</b>	Emergency
<b>Response Lead:</b>	<b>Incident Category:</b>	Removal Action
<b>NPL Status:</b>	<b>Operable Unit:</b>	

<b>Mobilization Date:</b>	<b>Start Date:</b>
<b>Demob Date:</b>	<b>Completion Date:</b>
<b>CERCLIS ID:</b>	<b>RCRIS ID:</b>
<b>ERNS No.:</b>	<b>State Notification:</b>
<b>FPN#:</b>	<b>Reimbursable Account #:</b>

### **1.1.1 Incident Category**

### **1.1.2 Site Description**

On Thursday, August 19, approximately 38 abandoned drums were discovered on the rear of a vacant lot approximately 300 feet off of Chicago Ave. Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) Emergency Response group's Rich Hackel requested the assistance of US EPA. The Gary Airport, the owner of the land, was aware of the drums on the former Truck City property, informed EPA that the City of Gary had formerly been using that land, and the drums belonged to them. The Gary Airport had also been requesting that the city remove them for the past two months, but the city was unresponsive.

#### **1.1.2.1 Location**

the Former Truck City property, approximately 300 feet North of Chicago Ave between Cline Ave. and Industrial Highway in Gary, Indiana

#### **1.1.2.2 Description of Threat**

Approximately 38 abandoned drums believed to contain used and waste oils, hydraulic fluids, and antifreeze.

### **1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results**

## **2. Current Activities**

### **2.1 Operations Section**

#### **2.1.1 Narrative**

OSC Beslow contacted Dorreen Carey of the City of Gary's Environmental Department, and notified her of the issue. She stated that she would investigate the issue, and ensure it was handled properly. Ms. Carey followed up and informed OSC Beslow that they would voluntarily remove the drums properly.

#### **2.1.2 Response Actions to Date**

On Thursday, August 25, City of Gary Employees removed, and relocated used tires that had been left on site.

On Friday, August 26, the City of Gary's Environmental contractor, Industrial and Environmental Services (IES) was on the scene sampling, segregating, and staging the drums.

On Wednesday, October 19th, the City of Gary's Environmental contractor had all used oil drum vacuumed and the contents were recycled.

On Thursday, Nov 4th, IES oversaw the removal of the remaining drums.

#### **2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)**

All cleanup activities have been completed by PRP.

#### **2.1.4 Progress Metrics**

<b><i>Waste Stream</i></b>	<b><i>Medium</i></b>	<b><i>Quantity</i></b>	<b><i>Manifest #</i></b>	<b><i>Treatment</i></b>	<b><i>Disposal</i></b>

### **2.2 Planning Section**

#### **2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

No further anticipated activities, cleanup complete

##### **2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**

none

##### **2.2.1.2 Next Steps**

##### **2.2.2 Issues**

### **2.3 Logistics Section**

No information available at this time.

### **2.4 Finance Section**

No information available at this time.

### **2.5 Other Command Staff**

No information available at this time.

## **3. Participating Entities**

No information available at this time.

## **4. Personnel On Site**

No information available at this time.

**5. Definition of Terms**

No information available at this time.

**6. Additional sources of information**

No information available at this time.

**7. Situational Reference Materials**

No information available at this time.